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The German Trade Center for the Construction of Machinery and Vehicles in Berlin (N 53/Z 75) no longer has adequate supplies of raw materials for the production of pistons and valves. In order to meet the most urgent priority requirements, unsaleable types in stock are recast or remodeled to obtain new and marketable types. The consumers of pistons and valves must turn in an old piece for each new item they receive. Attempts will be made to procure the required materials through illegal interzonal transactions or to exchange chemicals, through official barter transactions, for the most urgently required materials.